

**ALL VISNs**

December 2003

Outreach Audience											
VISN	Employee	Veteran/Rel	Congressional	VSO	Affiliate	Volunteer	Union	Local Org	DoD	Other	Total
0											0
1	20757	0	182	152	37	130	46	9	0	4	21317
2	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
3	3138	12	1	33	0	0	4	0	0	0	3188
4	170	0	0	94	0	0	0	0	0	0	264
5	0	100	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	103
6	3848	200	0	86	28	210	2	19	0	0	4393
7	3306	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	3311
8											0
9	1276	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1276
10	553	5	2	21	0	0	1	0	0	4	586
11	6354	121	20	108	26	630	8	0	0	0	7267
12											0
15	581	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	626
16	0	750	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	750
17											0
18	1250	10	0	25	7	0	0	0	0	2	1294
19	0	1000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1000
20	2800	0	0	10	0	100	0	0	0	78000	80910
21	3027	1	0	0	0	100	10	0	0	0	3138

<b>22</b>	11226	504	12	132	0	60	15	8	0	208	<b>12165</b>
<b>23</b>	9914	75	43	63	10	0	16	30	0	13004	<b>23155</b>
	<b>68250</b>	<b>2778</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>1230</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>91222</b>	<b>164793</b>

CARES Stakeholder Outreach

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Contacts															
VISN	Employee	Veteran/Rel	Senator	Representative	VSO	Affiliate	Volunteer	Union	Local Org	DoD	State Gov	Local Gov	Media	Other	Total
0															0
1	1			2								1		1	5
2		10												2	12
3															0
4	1				1										2
5															0
6		1		2									1		4
7											1	1			2
8															0
9															0
10				1									1		2
11			1												1
12															0
15					1										1
16															0
17				1											1
18														2	2
19															0
20												1	1		2
21													1		1
22															0
23		2	1								1			2	6
	2	13	2	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	4	7	41

## Summary of Substantive Comments

**For: December/2003**

Facility	Who	What they said	Action taken / Impact on plan
Augusta, GA	Bob Young, Augusta-Richmond County	Mayor Young accessed the CARES website and noted the realignment information for Augusta was posted. He asked if the CARES Commission would be making its recommendations to the Secretary in December and we advised him that it would now be mid-January. He asked who had requested the additional information regarding the footprint of the Uptown Division and we explained it was VHA. We also advised him that the laundry building had been added to the list of buildings scheduled for demolition with the understanding that the laundry would be contracted out at some future date.	N/A.
Bedford, MA	will there be layoffs resulting from Cares?	No, the VA plans no layoffs	
Canandaigua, NY	John Callan	Do not close the Canandaigua VA. It would be a slap in the face to the veterans that have served this great country!	Negative impact on the draft plan to close the Canandaigua VA Hospital.
Canandaigua, NY	GREGORY P. SEABORN	LET OUR SOLDIERS COMING HOME TO A PLACE THAT CARES	NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE THE DRAFT PLAN TO CLOSE THE CANANDAIGUA VA MEDICAL CENTER.
Canandaigua, NY	KEITH CONAWAY	THIS IS A VERY GOOD VA HOSPITAL. IT WOULD CAUSE A VERY DIFFICULT PROBLEM FOR ME AND OTHER VETERANS.	NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE THE DRAFT PLAN TO CLOSE THE CANANDAIGUA VA MEDICAL CENTER.
Canandaigua, NY	RICK GILBERT	WE WORKED HARD FOR THE BENEFIT WE NEED.	NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE THE DRAFT PLAN TO CLOSE THE CANANDAIGUA VA MEDICAL CENTER.
Canandaigua, NY	26 SIGNATURES APPEAR ON THIS PETITION	THIS PETITION REPRESENTS THE VETERANS AS WELL AS THEIR FAMILIES WHO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN OUTPATIENT AND INPATIENT TREATMENT HERE AT THE CANANDAIGUA V.A. THIS LIST OF NAMES THAT FOLLOWS DO NOT WISH FOR THIS FACILITY TO BE SHUT DOWN.	NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE CARES DRAFT PLAN TO CLOSE THE CANANDAIGUA VA MEDICAL CENTER.
Canandaigua, NY	JAMES HAMILTON MCGUIRE	WE NEED ALL THE MEDICAL TREATMENTS AND HELP WE CAN GET. WE GAVE OUR YOUTH FOR OUR COUNTRY. NOW WE NEED HELP WITH OUR HEALTH.	NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE CARES DRAFT PLAN TO CLOSE THE CANANDAIGUA VA MEDICAL CENTER.
Canandaigua, NY	CLARENCE LAMAY	I FEEL THAT ITS IMPORTANT TO KEEP HOSPITALS OPEN. IT IS THE ONLY PLACE THAT IS FOR VETS WITH MENTAL PROBLEMS.	NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE CARES DRAFT PLAN TO CLOSE THE CANANDAIGUA VA MEDICAL CENTER.
Canandaigua, NY	RICHARD E. POWERS	KEEP CANANDAIGUA VA OPENED AS IT SERVES THE VETERANS IN THEIR COSTLY MEDICAL NEEDS.	NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE CARES DRAFT PLAN TO CLOSE THE CANANDAIGUA VA MEDICAL CENTER.
Canandaigua, NY	HELEN POWERS	VETERANS DESERVE THE CARE THAT THEY HAVE BEEN PROMISED REGARDING HEALTH AND HOSPITALIZATION BENEFITS. CANANDVA MEDICAL CENTER SHOULD REMAIN OPEN.	NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE CARES DRAFT PLAN TO CLOSE THE CANANDAIGUA VA MEDICAL CENTER.
CAVHCS	Tuskegee residents attended Rep. Ford's town hall meeting.	Rep. Ford brought up the issue of Tuskegee VA buildings proposed for demolition under CARES.	CAVHCS' PAO explained the rationale for the plan and allayed many concerns.
Cleveland, OH	Mary Davies, reporter for Sun Times Newspapers- a group of 25 Cleveland Suburban Weeklies	Called to see if a decision had been reached on Cleveland's CARES initiative	Advised reporter of recent announcement of delay in submission of the report to the Secretary, faxed a copy of the VA news release on this topic.
Manchester, NH	no contacts this month: negative report	no contacts this month: negative report	no contacts this month: negative report
North Texas HCS	Congressman Burgess expressed support for our CARES expansion plans.	Very supportive of plans to serve the growing veteran population in his district	none

Poplar Bluff, MO	American Legion Vice Commander Todd White	Discussed CARES plan during national site visit. Mr. White is from Wyoming where the Sheridan VAMC may lose surgery. Was interested in how we function as critical access hospital	none
Saginaw, MI	Senator Levin's office staff in MI.	Wanted information concerning latest status of CARES process/products.	Sent them a copy of the VAMC's newsletter.
Southern Arizona HCS	325 Stakeholders where sent Veterans Update Newsletters for December, reflecting CARES initiative website address.	N/A Informational only.	N/A Neutral Info only.
Southern Arizona HCS	Veterans Committee for the City of Tucson 26 - attendees were given copies of the Veterans Update Newsletter.	N/A Informational Only	N/A Neutral Info only.
VISN 10 Office	Secretary Principi Congressman Hobson	Discussion about construction of the proposed Outpatient clinic in Columbus.	
VISN 6 Office	Art DeWitt from the N.C. Blue Ridge Advocates for Veterans Outreach Services group	Asked for a status report on the CARES draft national plan	Informed him that a decision has not been made as yet, but we will keep him posted.
VISN 6 Office	Jennifer Moorefield from Cong. Goode's office	Asked for Web address for CARES testimony	None; information request only
VISN 6 Office	Jennifer Moorefield from Rep. Goode's office	Asked for Web site address for CARES testimony	None;shared Web site address with her.
Walla Walla, WA	Reporter from TriCities Herald newspaper	asking for comments about "closure of Walla Walla"	Facts on status of CARES process provided
Walla Walla, WA	Duane Cole, City Manager	wanted to know status of CARES as he had a call from a veteran saying he heard we were closing	Facts on status of CARES process provided